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SUBJECT: POLICY ON FUEL PURCHASES

1. SSM HAS BEEN INFORMED THAT YOU HAVE DIRECTED ESY TO MAINTAIN A 14-DAY RESERVE FUEL SUPPLY, IN LIEU OF 7 DAYS, AND THAT SUPPLIES ARE TO BE OBTAINED FROM WHATEVER SOURCE WILL PROMISE IMMEDIATE DELIVERY. LATTER REQUIREMENT, IF RIGIDLY ADHERED TO, APPEARS LIKELY TO RESULT IN FUTURE PURCHASES OF FUEL FROM ISRAEL AT SUBSTANTIALLY HIGHER COST AND ADVERSE IMPACT ON OUR POLICY OF ENCOURAGING SYMMETRY IN CONTRACTOR PURCHASES. FURTHERMORE, TO THE EXTENT THAT WE WERE TO BUY FUEL FROM ISRAEL INSTEAD OF EGYPT, THERE WOULD BE AN EFFECT ON THE ESY CONTRACT PROPOSAL WHICH WE ARE NOW IN PROCESS OF NEGOTIATING.

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2. WE NEED TO KNOW BASIS FOR YOUR PROPOSAL TO CHANGE SFM POLICY ON FUEL PURCHASES. DO YOU HAVE IN MIND A TEMPORARY OR PERMANENT POLICY CHANGE? WE ARE NOT AWARE THAT SFM HAS EXPERIENCED ANY MAJOR PROBLEM IN MEETING ITS FUEL REQUIREMENTS FROM MOBIL IN EGYPT AND, THEREFORE, REQUIRE JUSTIFICATION BEFORE AGREEING TO SUCH A CHANGE IN THE ESY CONTRACT.

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